

Demographic & Economic Information for

Hill County



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Hill County is Montana's eleventh most populous county, with an estimated 16,568 residents as of July 1, 2007. Havre, the county seat, is the state's eighth largest city, with a population estimated at 9,618 in 2007.¹ Other cities and towns in Hill County include Box Elder, Hingham, Inverness, Kremlin, and Rudyard. Much of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation lies within Hill County.

Hill County has historically depended upon agriculture, and while farming and ranching remain vital to the area's economy, the county has become more financially diverse, with hospital and health services, education, professional and retail business, manufacturing and railroads making significant contributions. Havre is the most populous city on Montana's Hi-Line, and serves as a wholesale and retail hub for communities within 150 miles.²

¹U.S. Census Bureau, *Population Estimates Program*

²"Havre History," www.havremt.com

Resources for Hill County

Chambers of Commerce

Havre Area Chamber of Commerce

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Website: www.havremt.com

Newspapers

Havre Daily News

P. O. Box 431
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Phone: (406) 265-6795
Toll Free: (800) 993-2459
Fax: (406) 265-6798

Website: www.havredailynews.com

Economic Development

Bear Paw Development Corporation

48 Second Avenue
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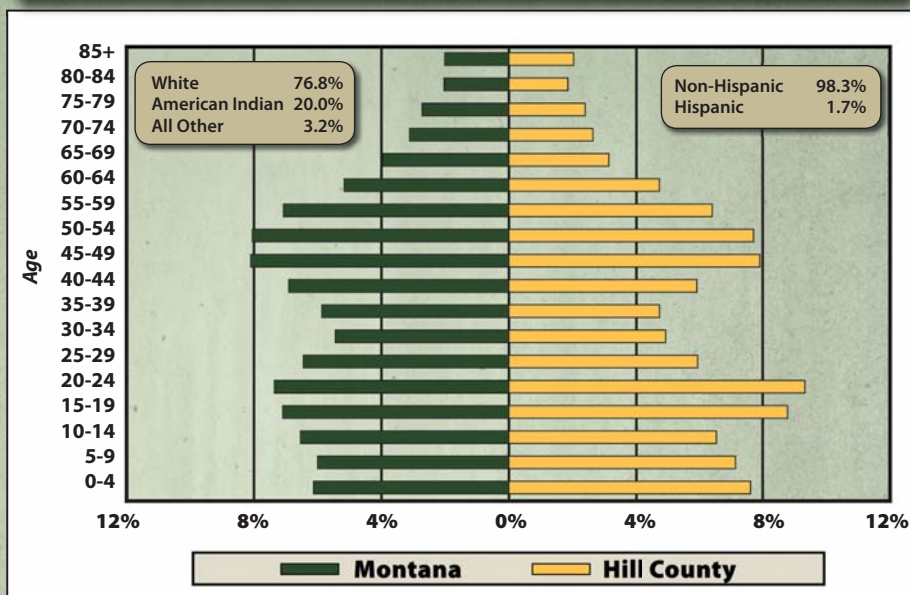
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Website: <http://wsd.dli.mt.gov/local/havre>

Population for Hill County & Related Areas

Geography	% Change 2000-2007	Population Estimates							Census
		July 1, 2007	July 1, 2006	July 1, 2005	July 1, 2004	July 1, 2003	July 1, 2002	July 1, 2001	April 1, 2000
Hill County	-0.6%	16,568	16,439	16,227	16,229	16,211	16,304	16,471	16,673
Havre city	0.0%	9,618	9,526	9,387	9,380	9,382	9,420	9,503	9,621
Hingham town	-3.2%	152	152	150	152	151	153	155	157
Balance of Hill County	-1.4%	6,798	6,761	6,690	6,697	6,678	6,731	6,813	6,895

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Estimates Program

Distribution of Population by Age Montana and Hill County, 2007



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007 Population Estimates

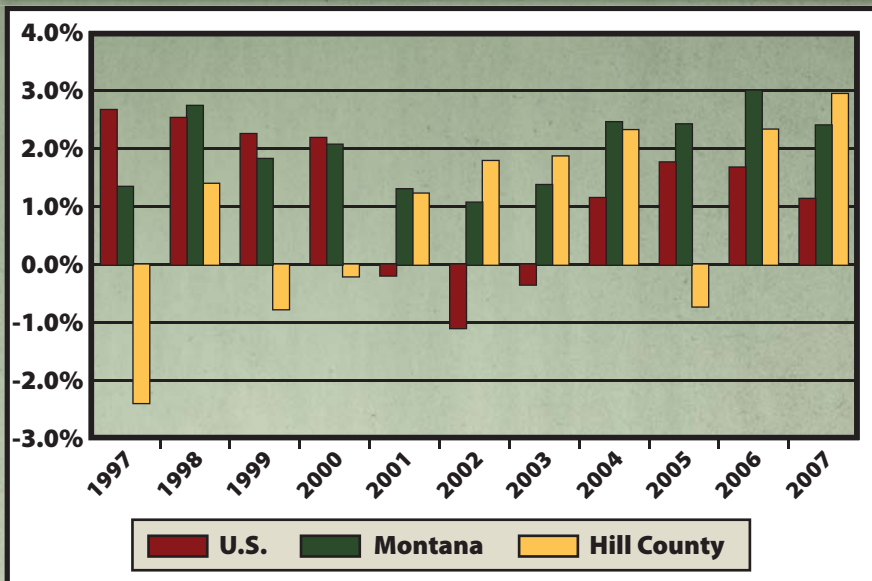
Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and older)

Educational Attainment	Hill County	Montana	U.S.
Less than High School Diploma	13.2%	12.8%	19.6%
High School Diploma (or equivalent)	32.1%	31.3%	28.6%
Some College	25.3%	25.6%	21.0%
Associate Degree	9.4%	5.9%	6.3%
Bachelor's Degree	13.9%	17.2%	15.5%
Master's Degree	4.2%	4.6%	5.9%
Professional Degree	1.1%	1.7%	2.0%
Doctoral Degree	0.8%	0.9%	1.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000

Percent Change in Employment: 1997 to 2007

U.S., Montana, and Hill County



Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

Top 20 Private Employers in Hill County

(Based on 2nd Quarter 2008 Data - Listed in Alphabetical Order)

Business Name	Size Class	Business Name	Size Class
Big R Supply	4	Kmart	5
Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line	4	McDonald's	4
Devon Energy	4	North Star School	5
Duck Inn Tavern & Supper Club	5	Northern Montana Hospital	8
Gary and Leo's IGA	6	Northern Winz Casino	4
Havre Day Activity Center	5	Novo 1 (Formerly Call Solutions)	5
Herberger's	5	Patrick Construction	4
Hill County Electric Cooperative	6	Tilleman Motor Company	5
Human Resources Dev. Council - Dist. 4	5	Townhouse Inn of Havre	5
Independence Bank	4	Walmart	6

Employment Size Class Coding: Class 9 = 1000+ employees, Class 8 = 500 to 999 employees, Class 7 = 250 to 499 employees, Class 6 = 100 to 249 employees, Class 5 = 50 to 99 employees, Class 4 = 20 to 49 employees, Class 3 = 10 to 19 employees

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW) This list includes ONLY private industry employers subject to unemployment insurance. Railroads and government agencies are excluded.

Agricultural Statistics - Hill County

Farms			
	2007 Census	2002 Census	% Change
Farms: (number)	854	836	2%
Land in farms (acres)	1,697,232	1,808,835	-6%
Average size of farms (acres)	1,987	2,164	-8%
Median size of farms (acres)	875	1,440	-39%
Farms by size: (number)			
Less than 1,000 acres	459	389	18%
1,000 acres or more	395	447	-12%
Farms by value of products sold: (number)			
Less than \$100,000	602	694	-13%
\$100,000 or more	252	142	77%
Farms by type of organization: (number)			
Family, Individual, Partnership	638	633	1%
Corporation, Cooperative, Trust	216	203	6%
Livestock Inventory and Crops Harvested			
Livestock and Poultry Inventory (number)			
Cattle and calves	23,592	22,210	6%
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	(D)
Sheep and lambs	664	851	-22%
Horses and ponies	1,443	1,361	6%
Bison	35	(D)	(D)
Chickens (layers and broilers)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Crops Harvested (acres)			
Corn for grain	0	0	NA
Corn for silage or greenchop	(D)	0	(D)
Wheat for grain, All	412,705	444,014	-7%
Winter wheat for grain	268,806	14,049	1813%
Spring wheat for grain	140,864	426,723	-67%
Durum wheat for grain	3,035	3,242	-6%
Oats for grain	1,336	1,994	-33%
Barley for grain	23,787	17,983	32%
Hay, haylage, grass silage	28,860	32,156	-10%
Sunflower seed, All	0	0	NA
Operator Demographics			
Primary occupation: (number)			
Farming	432	559	-23%
Other	422	277	52%
Place of residence: (number)			
On farm operated	539	582	-7%
Not on farm operated	315	254	24%
Years on present farm: (number)			
Less than 10 years	152	192	-21%
10 years or more	702	644	9%
Age group: (number)			
Under 55 years	402	507	-21%
55 years and over	452	329	37%
Average age of operators: (number)	55.7	53.1	5%

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, 2002

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Employment by Industry - Annual Averages 2007

Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	579	6,730	\$27,918
TOTAL PRIVATE	526	4,810	\$25,232
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, FISHING & HUNTING	8	24	\$28,828
Crop production	5	5	\$42,809
Animal production	1	*	*
Agriculture & forestry support	2	*	*
MINING	12	122	\$62,050
Oil and gas extraction	2	*	*
Support activities for mining	10	*	*
UTILITIES	7	35	\$51,869
CONSTRUCTION	55	299	\$29,817
Construction of buildings	18	48	\$25,638
Heavy and civil engineering construction	7	74	\$31,326
Specialty trade contractors	30	178	\$30,313
MANUFACTURING	13	76	\$26,147
Food manufacturing	2	*	*
Beverage and tobacco product mfg	1	*	*
Printing and related support activities	3	29	\$23,629
Chemical manufacturing	1	*	*
Fabricated metal product manufacturing	4	18	\$22,973
Miscellaneous manufacturing	2	*	*
WHOLESALE TRADE	25	141	\$31,455
Merchant wholesalers, durable goods	8	*	*
Merchant wholesalers, nondurable goods	15	83	\$26,952
Electronic markets & agents and brokers	2	*	*
RETAIL TRADE	85	1,078	\$20,184
Motor vehicle and parts dealers	16	181	\$28,990
Furniture and home furnishings stores	6	38	\$26,393
Electronics and appliance stores	4	22	\$14,635
Building material & garden supply stores	11	60	\$21,911
Food and beverage stores	4	176	\$20,607
Health and personal care stores	4	*	*
Gasoline stations	10	126	\$18,649
Clothing and clothing accessories stores	7	29	\$14,936
Sporting good, hobby, book, music stores	6	28	\$12,062
General merchandise stores	6	368	\$16,532
Miscellaneous store retailers	9	29	\$16,138
Nonstore retailers	2	*	*
TRANSPORTATION AND WAREHOUSING	18	71	\$29,168
Air transportation	1	*	*

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages Program (QCEW)

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Industry	Number of Establishments	Average Annual Employment	Annual Wages Per Job
Truck transportation	9	35	\$28,311
Transit and ground passenger transport	2	*	*
Support activities for transportation	1	*	*
Couriers and messengers	4	24	\$38,345
INFORMATION	9	226	\$41,345
Publishing industries, except Internet	1	*	*
Motion picture, sound recording industry	1	*	*
Broadcasting, except Internet	2	*	*
Telecommunications	5	165	\$48,495
FINANCE AND INSURANCE	39	214	\$34,854
Credit intermediation & related activity	11	143	\$35,409
Securities, comm. contracts, investments	10	22	\$50,270
Insurance carriers & related activities	18	48	\$26,081
REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL AND LEASING	18	55	\$20,399
Real estate	12	38	\$16,036
Rental and leasing services	6	16	\$30,713
PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL SERVICES	37	192	\$37,757
ADMINISTRATIVE AND WASTE SERVICES	18	141	\$14,043
Administrative and support services	17	*	*
Waste management and remediation service	1	*	*
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES	4	93	\$18,088
HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL ASSISTANCE	38	878	\$32,089
Ambulatory health care services	23	204	\$45,819
Hospitals	2	*	*
Social assistance	14	*	*
ARTS, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION	23	186	\$15,062
Museums, historical sites, zoos, & parks	1	*	*
Amusements, gambling, and recreation	22	*	*
ACCOMMODATION AND FOOD SERVICES	51	675	\$10,215
Accommodation	8	143	\$12,224
Food services and drinking places	43	532	\$9,675
OTHER SERVICES	68	306	\$17,881
Repair and maintenance	23	67	\$22,753
Personal and laundry services	11	53	\$15,986
Membership associations & organizations	26	173	\$15,792
Private households	9	14	\$28,051
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	54	1,920	\$34,647
Local Government	25	1,399	\$32,815
State Government	10	387	\$32,482
Federal Government	19	134	\$60,063

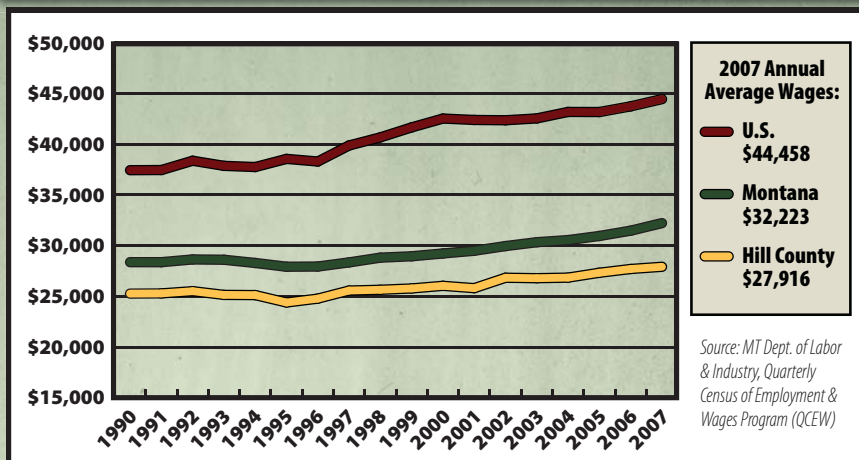
The QCEW program compiles data reported by all employers covered under Montana unemployment insurance. (Totals may not add due to nondisclosure of confidential industry data or to rounding.)

Annual Average Labor Force - Hill County

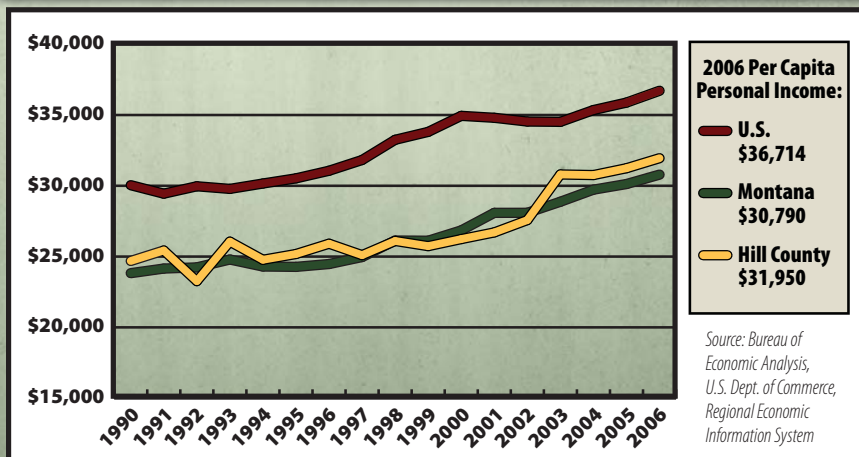
Year	Civilian Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
2007	8,017	7,727	290	3.6%
2006	7,921	7,634	287	3.6%
2005	7,830	7,525	305	3.9%
2004	7,962	7,642	320	4.0%
2003	7,862	7,549	313	4.0%
2002	7,829	7,504	325	4.2%
2001	7,930	7,591	339	4.3%
2000	8,006	7,616	390	4.9%

Source: Montana Department of Labor & Industry, Local Area Unemployment Statistics Program (LAUS)

Annual Average Wages, 1990 to 2007 (In 2007 Dollars)



Per Capita Personal Income, 1990 to 2006 (In 2006 Dollars)



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